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1. POSSIBILITY CONGEN IN LOURENCO MARQUES WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY BE CONVERTED TO EMBASSY IS NEW AND DISTURBING ISSUE WHICH WE HAVE SOMEHOW MISSED UP TO THIS POINT. I AGREE WE SHOULD ACT PROMPTLY TO ASSURE CONTINUITY OF RELATIONS FROM INTERIM TO NEWLY INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE. I BELIEVE I CAN LEARN FROM VISIT WITH MACHEL WHETHER FRELIMO INTENDS TO PERMIT CONVERSION OF OUR CONGEN IN LM TO EMBASSY ON INDEPENDENCE AND WHETHER MOZAMBIQUE WILL BE OPENING EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. HEREWITH REQUEST DEPT'S APPROVAL FOR TALK WITH MACHEL. IF FOLLOWING THIS CONTACT IT IS DETERMINED THAT A LETTER WOULD BE USEFUL, THEN WE CAN SO REQUEST. ADVISE.

2. CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH FRELIMO, WE SEE THINGS SOMEWHAT
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DIFFERENTLY FROM HERE. I BELIEVE WE HAVE NEVER HAD CLOSE

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CONTACTS WITH FRELIMO, RATHER THAN THAT THINGS HAVE COOLED SINCE EASUM TALK. AS DEPT WILL RECALL EVEN EASUM MEETING WAS NOT FIRM UNTIL DAY OF MEETING. DOS SANTOS EMPHASIZED IN MY TALK WITH HIM DIFFICULTIES IN DEALING WITH QUOTE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AGAINST US UNQUOTE. ANY REPLY ON VISIT OF ECONOMIC TEAM NOW APPARENTLY DELAYED UNTIL RETURN OF DOS SANTOS (KHAN/MACDOUGALL MEMCON, 4/16/75). FINALLY, FRELIMO HAS BEEN FAIRLY GOOD AT RECEIVING PRIVATE VISITORS, QUOTE BROTHERS UNQUOTE, MEMBERS OF OPPOSITION PARTY OR OLD FRIENDS. WE HAVE RIDDEN INTO MEETINGS ON COATTAILS OF THESE VISITORS, BUT ONLY VISITS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN THAT OF EASUM IN NOVEMBER 1974 AND MY TALK WITH DOS SANTOS IN MARCH 1975. SEEMS CLEAR FROM WHERE WE SIT THAT FRELIMO IS NOT NOW, AND HAS NOT BEEN, EAGER TO INITIATE CLOSE RELATIONS WITH US.

3. INSOFAR AS THE BRITISH ARE CONCERNED, THEY DON'T HAVE QUITE THE SAME IDENTITY PROBLEM WITH THE OLD REGIME IN PORTUGAL AS WE HAVE, BUT NOTWITHSTANDING THAT FACT, I HAVE NOT GOTTEN THE IMPRESSION FROM MY BRITISH COLLEAGUE THAT HE HAS MADE AS MUCH PROGRESS AS BRITISH CONCUL GENERAL IN LOURENCO MARQUES INDICATED. MACHEL SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN WILLING TO RECEIVE DIPLOMATS HERE WHO HAVE ACTIVELY SOUGHT HIM OUT, BUT ON A ONE TIME BASIS. I AM NOT AWARE THAT ANY OF THEM GET TO SEE HIM THE SECOND TIME AROUND.

4. FINALLY, AS OF POSSIBLE HISTORICAL INTEREST, NOTE US ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND EVEN EXCHANGED AMBASSADORS WITH INDIA BEFORE INDIA BECAME INDEPENDENT (WHITEMAN'S DIGEST OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, VOL. II, PG 161). I AM NOT SUGGESTING WE PROPOSE THIS TO MACHEL, BUT IT MIGHT BE A POINT OF INTEREST TO HIM DURING ANY TALK ON THIS SUBJECT.
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